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In re Patent Application of: Cohen et al.

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. A copy of each reference on PTO/SB/08 is attached as "Exhibit A."

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned.

PCT/US97/07655 is the international application which corresponds to the subject application. An International Search Report was issued in connection with this PCT application, a copy of which is attached as "Exhibit B." Each of the references cited in the search report is listed on the attached PTO/SB/08.

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The Applicant believes that no fees are due at this point, but the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. CIBT-P01-515.

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